

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska Police Standards Council BRU/Component Budget Summary

BRU/Component: Alaska Police Standards Council

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Component Mission

The mission of the Alaska Police Standards Council is to ensure there are professional public safety officers.

Component Services Provided

- a) Monitor compliance with current regulations relating to the hiring and training of police, correctional, probation and parole officers.
- b) Assist academies (Department of Public Safety-Sitka, Anchorage Police Department and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks) with funding to provide entry level police training for officers employed by municipal police departments and the Department of Public Safety. Also provide funding for training entry-level municipal correctional officers.
- c) Fund specialized, technical and in-service training for Alaska law enforcement and corrections officers.
- d) Conduct investigations in questionable cases to determine an individual's eligibility for certification and in cases of misconduct by a certified officer to determine whether certification should be revoked.
- e) Provide administrative assistance to agencies under the jurisdiction of the council.
- f) Provide pre-employment polygraph and psychological testing for smaller law enforcement agencies across the State of Alaska

Component Goals and Strategies

To produce a highly trained and motivated professional police or corrections officer who meets contemporary law enforcement standards and who are ethical, physically and psychologically competent, well-educated, professionally trained, career oriented and sensitive to public needs.

This goal is being met by: 1) enforcing council-established minimum hiring standards for police, correctional, probation and parole officers; 2) providing entry level training, promoting in-service training; and 3) certifying individual officers, law enforcement training instructors, training facilities and courses.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

The majority of small police departments in Alaska have very limited training budgets, with most of their funds going toward the required entry-level training. Local training funds and Council supported training dollars are utilized to train officers in subject areas that will obviously be of greatest benefit to the community. Some examples of training expenditures are school liaison training (D.A.R.E. programs), emergency medical training and basic through advanced vehicle accident investigation. Training is also provided to maintain and improve an officer's skills in such areas as firearms, self defense, patrol procedures, criminal investigations, traffic law enforcement and other subjects based on individual community needs.

The 1994 legislature established the Alaska Police Training Fund, which benefits from surcharges assessed for violations of certain traffic offenses. The 1998 legislature expanded the list of criminal offenses and violations on which a surcharge can be levied. This provided additional funding needed to support statewide police and corrections basic and in-service training. However, if the amount of surcharges collected does not reach the amount authorized, services and expenditures will be reduced accordingly.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

- Provided basic recruit training support for 100 recruits at the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy in Sitka, the Anchorage Police Department, and Fairbanks UAF police academy.
- Supported three academies (Public Safety Academy, Sitka; Anchorage Police Department; Fairbanks Police Department).
- Provided support and basic training to 15 Municipal Jail Officers.
- Direct in-service training for 50 police departments; over 730 individual officers received 13,964 hours of advanced training.
- Direct in-service training for correctional officers.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- (1) Alaska Police Standards Council (AS 18.65.130-AS 18.65.290) (13 AAC 75)
- (2) Certification of Police, Probation, Parole, & Correctional Officer Training Programs & Instructors (13 AAC 87)
- (3) Minimum Standards for Village Police Officers (13 AAC 89)
- (4) Surcharges (AS 12.25.195(c), AS 12.55.030, AS 28.05.151, AS 29.25.074 and receipts collected under AS 18.65.220(7)).

Key Performance Measures for FY2004

Measure:

Number of annual certifications suspended or revoked.

Sec 120 Ch 124 SLA 2002(HB 515)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

	FY2001	FY2002
certificates revoked	4	5
pending hearings	4	4
pending further investigation	3	2

Benchmark Comparisons:

There is no comparative data from other jurisdictions.

Background and Strategies:

This is a new measure.

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During the adoption of regulations the mission of the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) was established with a goal "To produce a highly trained and positively motivated professional, capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance". As a part of this mission the Council adopted regulations establishing a code of conduct to be followed by law enforcement professionals in the State of Alaska. The Council may conduct internal investigations of law enforcement officers to determine if de-certification is appropriate. The above measure reflects the cases investigated.

Measure:

Number of complaints received and acted upon annually by the council.

Sec 120 Ch 124 SLA 2002(HB 515)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

	FY2001	FY2002
complaints received and acted upon	6	11

100% of cases received, for both years, were investigated and acted upon.

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Measure:

Percentage of advanced training hours for each officer.

Sec 120 Ch 124 SLA 2002(HB 515)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

731 (56%) of the states 1295 officers received a total of 13,964 hours of advanced training.

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Measure:

Percentage of budget used for recruit training.

Sec 120 Ch 124 SLA 2002(HB 515)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

47% of the APSC budget was used to train 100 new officers during FY2002.

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Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	257.5	268.4	286.1
72000 Travel	19.9	45.0	45.0
73000 Contractual	389.4	625.5	616.1
74000 Supplies	56.4	16.1	16.1
75000 Equipment	6.0	12.0	12.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	729.2	967.0	975.3
Funding Sources:			
1156 Receipt Supported Services	729.2	967.0	975.3
Funding Totals	729.2	967.0	975.3

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Alaska Police Standards Council plans to assist local law enforcement agencies in smaller jurisdictions that have not been able to obtain consistent and adequate pre-employment screening due to lack of funding.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	0.0	0.0	967.0	967.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA for General Government Bargaining Unit	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.9
-\$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased Variable Benefit Costs: Working Reserve and PERS Rates	0.0	0.0	5.5	5.5
FY2004 Governor	0.0	0.0	975.3	975.3

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	4	4	Annual Salaries	203,550
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	82,570
			<i>Less 0.01% Vacancy Factor</i>	(20)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	4	4	Total Personal Services	286,100

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
AK Police Stnd Cncl Admin	0	0	1	0	1
Secretary	0	0	1	0	1
Training Coordinator, APSC	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	2	0	4